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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN'S MEETING WITH  
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN  
AFFAIRS, PATT DERIAN, MET WITH ICRC PRESIDENT HAY AND  
ICRC DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS HOCKE IN GENEVA JANUARY 19  
FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS FOLLOWING HER SOUTHEAST ASIA TRIP.  
SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDED HAY'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN  
MARCH, ICRC FINANCES, AND ICRC EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF  
POLITICAL DETAINEES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

2. MS. DERIAN (ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
SIEVERTS AND MISSION HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS COUNSELOR  
BRENNAN) DESCRIBED HER VISITS IN THE PHILIPPINES, SINGA-  
PORE, INDONESIA, AND THAILAND, PARTICULARLY HER MEETINGS  
WITH POLITICAL DETAINEES. ICRC OFFICIALS SAID THEIR  
REPS HAD VISITED SOME OF THE SAME PRISONERS AND WERE  
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INTERESTED IN COMPARING NOTES. THEY AGREED THAT IN  
INDONESIA AND ELSEWHERE THE MAIN QUESTION IS NOT CONDI-  
TIONS OF DETENTION (WHICH ICRC OBSERVES AND REPORTS TO  
GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED) BUT THE FACT OF DETENTION WITHOUT  
PROPER DUE PROCESS. ICRC LIMITS ITSELF TO OBSERVING CON-  
DITIONS OF DETENTION, BUT AS "HUMAN BEINGS", HAY SAID,  
WE ARE OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT OF DETENTION

ITSELF, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS PROLONGED BEYOND REASON.

3. HOCKE NOTED THAT IN INDONESIA AND IRAN (AND ELSEWHERE) A MAJOR PROBLEM IS THAT AN ENTIRE BUREAUCRATIC STRUCTURE HAS BEEN BUILT UP TO APPREHEND AND DETAIN POLITICAL PRISONERS. THIS STRUCTURE HAS BECOME A FORCE IN ITSELF, ABLE TO INFLUENCE POLICY IN THE DIRECTION OF CONTINUED DETENTION OF PRISONERS. HE THOUGHT THIS PROBLEM SHOULD RECEIVE MORE GENERAL ATTENTION.

4. IN INDONESIA ICRC CONFIRMED IT IS SENDING A DELEGATION TO ARRIVE IN JAKARTA THE END OF NEXT WEEK. THE PLAN IS TO SPEND A MONTH VISITING DETAINEES IN AND NEAR JAKARTA; IF ALL GOES WELL, A SECOND MONTH VISITING DETAINEES ON THE REST OF JAVA; THEN IN APRIL OR MAY VISITS ELSEWHERE. MS. DERIAN TOLD ICRC OF THE ALLEGATION SHE HEARD FROM A RELEASED PRISONER IN JAKARTA THAT MEDICINES ARE BROUGHT TO A PRISON AND SHOWN TO ICRC, THEN MOVED TO ANOTHER PRISON AND AGAIN SHOWN TO ICRC. SHE SUGGESTED ICRC CHECK SERIAL NUMBERS ON MEDICINES TO SPOT THIS PLOY IF IT IS BEING USED. SHE ALSO ASKED IF ICRC WOULD FOLLOW UP ON LIST OF 10,000 DETAINEES RELEASED IN DECEMBER, AND SUGGESTED ICRC DELEGATES DISCUSS THIS AND RELATED MATTERS WITH AMBASSADOR MASTERS.

5. ICRC REVIEWED NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR DETAINEE VISITS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ALONG LINES REPORTED PREVIOUSLY. VISITS ARE NOW GOING FORWARD UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO DETAINEES WITHIN SEVEN DAYS.

6. AT FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION WITH SIEVERTS JANUARY 20, HAY AND HOCKE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HAY'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON MARCH 6-10 AS GUEST OF AMERICAN RED CROSS. HAY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HOCKE, AND HOPES FOR APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT, AS TOOK PLACE BY SEVERAL OF HIS PREDECESSORS. HE WOULD CONSIDER SUCH AN APPOINTMENT ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF HAY'S MEETINGS SOON WITH OTHER HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT (E.G., IRAN, POSSIBLY INDONESIA). HAY HAS ALREADY MET WITH SCHMIDT IN BONN, GISCARD IN PARIS, AND THE SHAH IN TEHRAN.

7. RECALLING HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN GENEVA IN MAY 1977, AND VANCE'S RED CROSS BACKGROUND (FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN RED CROSS) HAY SAID HE WOULD ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE SECRETARY, IF THIS COULD BE ARRANGED. HE UNDERSTANDS ABOUT BUSY SCHEDULES AND SAID HE WOULD BE FLEXIBLE WITHIN THE WEEK OF HIS U.S.

VISIT. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT SEEING BRZEZINSKI AND HOPES TO MEET WITH SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN INTERESTED IN THE ICRC (E.G. SENATORS PELL, MATHIAS, AND KENNEDY, AND REPS ZABLOCKI, MONTGOMERY AND FRASER).

8. ON IRAN, HAY SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT TCRC REPS SAW NEARLY ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS DETAINED AT THE TIME OF THEIR LAST VISIT, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, JUST BEFORE THE UNIVERSITY DISTURBANCES. THIS WAS A SECOND VISIT, AND SOME OF THE PRISONERS SEEN THE SECOND TIME CONFIRMED THERE HAD BEEN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE LINES RECOM-

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MENDED BY ICRC (MEDICAL CARE, FOOD, ETC.). (SOME PRISONERS IN IRAN -- AS IN INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES, THE LATTER REPORTED TO MS. DERIAN -- ALSO ATTRIBUTED IMPROVED CONDITIONS IN PAST YEAR TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES.) IN CONFIDENCE HAY SAID ICRC NOW CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO STATION A DELEGATE PERMANENTLY IN TEHRAN. HE PLANS TO RAISE THIS WHEN HE SEES THE SHAH AGAIN IN FEBRUARY.

9. ICRC DELEGATE SERGE NESSI IS GOING TO CUBA STARTING FEBRUARY 5 FOR ONE WEEK. THIS WILL BE HIS SECOND MISSION THERE, AND FOLLOWS PRESIDENT HAY'S VISIT TO CUBA IN 1977. DISCUSSIONS HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE POINT OF LEADING TO PRISON VISITS. (NESSI WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH

HA DEPUTY MARK SCHNEIDER -- BUT CONSIDERS IT UNWISE TO  
ROUTE HIS CUBA TRIP THROUGH WASHINGTON. IF SCHNEIDER HAS  
VIEWS FOR HIM HOCKE SUGGESTED THEY BE CONVEYED BY TELEGRAM  
THROUGH U.S. MISSION GENEVA.)

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10. ICRC EXPECTS TO SEND A MISSION TO HAITI WITHIN THE  
NEXT THREE MONTHS OR SO. THEY DISCUSSED THIS WITH HAITIAN  
RED CROSS REPS AT THE BUCHAREST INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS  
CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER.

11. ICRC HAS STILL RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM THE GOVERNMENT  
OF GUINEA, ALTHOUGH THEY UNDERSTAND FROM OUR INFORMATION  
THAT ONE IS ON ITS WAY. THEY WILL ADVISE WHEN IT IS  
RECEIVED.  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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